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1. SUMMARY: THORSSON (SWEDEN) PROPOSED CCD CONSIDER QUESTION OF PROMOTING GREATER OPENNESS IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND INTRODUCED WORKING PAPER ON SUBJECT. SHE ALSO FORMALLY PROPOSED MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON CW NEXT SESSION AND WAS SUPPORTED BY JAPANESE, BRITISH, NETHERLANDS AND PAKISTANI REPS (SEPTTEL). WYZNER (POLAND) COMMENTED ON JAPANESE CW DRAFT AND ALSO ON QUESTIONS OF WEATHER MODIFICATIONS AND COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION OF SEABED. VEJVODA (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) CRITICIZED LACK OF US CW PROPOSAL AND DISCUSSED STANDARD SOVIET-LINE REQUIREMENTS FOR CTB. END SUMMARY

2. IN ADDITION TO FORMALLY PROPOSING EXPERTS' MEETING ON CW (SEPTTEL), SWEDISH UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE MRS. THORSSON INTRODUCED SWEDISH WORKING PAPER, "PRESENTATION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES". NOTING ITS SIMILARITY TO PAPER SUBMITTED TO CSCE, MRS. THORSSON SAID MEASURES PAPER DESCRIBES ARE INTENDED PROMOTE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN STATES BY MEANS OF MORE "OPENNESS" REGARDING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, AND THAT THIS COULD PAVE WAY FOR "REAL DISARMAMENT". SHE PROPOSED CCD EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES OF "BRINGING ABOUT AN INQUIRY AMONG STATES ABOUT THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCOUNT IN GENERAL BUT COMPARABLE TERMS FOR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES AND HOW THESE ARE ASSIGNED TO DIFFERENT PURPOSES". MRS. THORSSON BRIEFLY REVIEWED TYPES OF INFORMATION CALLED FOR IN WORKING PAPER, WHICH USES SWEDISH DEFENSE BUDGET FIGURES AS EXAMPLES, AND SAID HER DEL PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON PROPOSAL, PREFERABLY AT SPECAIL MEETING.

3. AMBASSADOR WYZNER (POLAND) SAID "OBSEQUIES OVER CCD TOTALLY PREMATURE AND UNWARRANTED" ALTHOUGH HIS GOVERNMENT NOT "ENTIRELY HAPPY" OVER COMMITTEE'S PERFORMANCE. HE CITED NPT AS MAJOR CCD ACCOMPLISHMENT, AND IN URGING WIDER ADHERENCE, REGRETTEED THAT "SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS" OF CCD UNABLE PARTICIPALTE IN REVIEW CONFERENCE. WYZNER ALSO RECALLED THAT IT IS POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ALL COUNTRIES IN SOVIET GROUP THAT IN ADDITION TO CW AND CTB, COMMITTEE COULD PROFITABLY CONSIDER TOTAL DEMILITARIZATION OF SEABED, REDUCTION OR FREEZING OF MILITARY BUDGETS, AND ESTABLISHMENT NUCLEAR FREE ZONES (NFZ). HE SAID FIRST OF THESE IS "PARTICULARLY PRESSING" QUESTION INVUEW OF 1977 SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE. WYZNER ADDED THAT COMMITTEE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ELABORATE MILITARY AND JURIDICAL PRINCIPLES FOR

CREATION OF NFZ. WYZNER NOTED REMARKS OF SWEDISH REP IN 633RD PLENARY ON METEOROLOGICAL WEAPONS, SAID THERE "MUCH MERIT" IN HER SUGGESTION THAT CCD LOOK AT PROBLEM, BUT THAT BEFORE COMMITTEE STUDIES IT IN DETAIL IT SHOULD "PERHAPS TRY TO OBTAIN EXPERT OPINION ABOUT VARIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AND RELATED AREAS" IN ORDER TO PURSUE DISCUSSION. HE ALSO REHEARSED STANDARD POSITIONS ON SOVIET ROB, WDC AND NUF PROPOSALS.

4. ON CW, WYZNER WELCOMED SUBMISSION OF JAPANESE DRAFT CONVENTION, NOTING IT PROVIDED STAGED APPROACH TO CW CONTROL. HE REMARKED THAT UNDER CONVENTION DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING STOCKS OF CW WOULD TAKE PLACE IN FIRST STAGE "DESPITE AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE LACK OF VERIFICATION SYSTEM", BUT THAT OTHER PARTIAL STEPS DEPENDED ON AVAILABILITY OF SUCH AN EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION SYSTEM. HE INFERRED FROM THIS THAT WORLD WAR I TYPE AGENTS AND HIGHLY TOXIC BINARY WEAPONS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN INITIAL PROHIBITIONS AND SAID THAT AN AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE BINARIES WOULD AMOUNT TO "LITTLE MORE THAN A MERE NUISANCE" TO COUNTRIES WITH BINARY CAPABILITIES WHO COULD EASILY CHEMICALLY REARM.

5. CZECHOSLOVAK VICE FOREIGN MINISTER VEJVODA CRITICIZED US FAILURE TO MAKE SPECIFIC CW PROPOSAL, STATED JAPANESE DRAFT A "CONCRETE CONTRIBUTION" TO WORK ON CW, AND SAID FURTHER DELAYS IN SOLVING QUESTION OF BAN ON CW WOULD HAVE "IRREPARABLE CONSEQUENCES" FOR FURTHER WORK OF COMMITTEE AND ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION AS MAIN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT ORGAN. VEJVODA REITERATED STANDARD SOVIET-LINE CTB POSITION, SAYING THAT WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS "IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSIONS AND IN THE AGREEMENT, THE QUESTION OF DISCONTINUATION OF NUCLEAR TESTS CANNOT BE DEFINITELY SOLVED." HIS DEL WOULD CONSIDER IT PROGRESS IF "OTHER STATES" ADHERED TO LTB AND IF ALL NUCLEAR STATES JOINED DISCUSSIONS ON CTB. CZECH REP DEFENDED CCD, SUGGESTING CRITICS SHOULD "DEVOTE THEIR ABILITY AND ENERGY RATHER TO SEEKING SOLUTION OF QUESTIONS FACING COMMITTEE." HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT "ALARMING" REPORT OF US NUCLEAR RETARGETING STRATEGY POINTED TO "NOTHING BUT RENEWAL OF THE ARMAMENT RACE."

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